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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fall-out of Iraq war and the new strategy adopted by the Pakistan will cause a surge in the infiltration of ultras and fundamentalists across the porous border of Jammu and Kashmir and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the number of cases of infiltration reported during this period in particular;

(c) whether the Government perceive an upsurge in jehadi sentiments coupled with rising anti-US feelings will find a flow valve directed towards infiltration into India;

(d) if so, whether the Government have also assessed the situation post-lifting of US sanctions against Pakistan both economic and military in view of Pakistan`s involvement in abetting the cross-border terrorism;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

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(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Such speculation exists. It is very difficult to give exact number of cases of infiltration. However, infiltration is continuing.

(c): The possibility cannot be ruled out that Terrorists and their Pak mentors may increase infiltration and terrorist activities taking advantage of the international security scenario consequent to Iraq War.

(d) & (e): It is however not certain whether or not, the lifting of embargo would directly impact on Pak sponsored terrorist activities.

(f): The Government conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the Pak ISI in Jammu & Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management and multi-tired and multi-model deployment along with International Border/LOC and near the ever changing infiltration routes to check infiltration, pro-active action against terrorists within J&K etc.